

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Sackey for his helpful comments during the phone interview with Attorney Simon on March 9, 2006. His suggestions and comments have been incorporated in their entirety and are reflected in the present amendment.

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 11 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to re-introduce the subject matter contained in the cancelled claims at a later date.

Claims 5, 9, 10 and 12 have been amended, as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 6 and 13 are now properly dependent from Claims 5 and 12, respectively.

Claim 5 has been amended to read in independent form, as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 6 depends from Claim 5.

Claim 9 has been amended to specify a method of treating fracture healing, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoporosis, as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 10 depends on Claim 9. Claim 12 now also depends on Claim 9 and Claim 13 depends on Claim 12.

It is believed that the present claims are in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration and timely allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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